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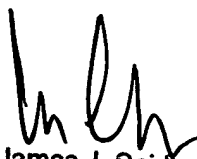
The reply filed September 26, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The following was stated in the previous Office Action requiring restriction and species election: Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

Applicant has elected with traverse Group I, claims 1-44, and the following species election: claims 32-44 for group A; claims 47 and 66 for group B; leveling, rheology, and flow control agents for group C; and metal for group D. However, applicant did not include a listing of all claims readable upon the elected species. It is necessary that applicant indicate which claims read on the elected species for group C and for group D. Additionally, applicant must indicate which of the newly added claims read on the elected species, for example, claim 77 fails to read on the elected species, metal.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saira Haider whose telephone number is (571) 272-3553. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

  
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